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In re Application of:		Examiner:
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This response is being co-filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and a petition for an extension of time for two months to extend the time period of reply to Monday, March 15, 2010. In response to the Final Office Action dated October 14, 2009, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5.